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28 Nurses Graduate At Baptist Hospital

Formal Exercises To Be Held On Sunday, June 6

Twenty-seven graduates of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital School of Nursing will receive their diplomas and pins in formal commencement exercises at the First Baptist Church next Sunday, June 6.

A twenty-eighth graduate, Lela McDaniel of Pheba, colored, was graduated in services at the Farish Street Methodist Church Sunday, May 30.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the First Church, Jackson, will deliver the commencement sermon next Sunday at 11 a. m., and Dr. Norman Price, pastor of the Parkway Church, will deliver the commencement sermon next Sunday at 1 p. m., and Dr. Norman Price, pastor of the Parkway Church, will deliver the graduation address that evening at 8 p. m. Both services will be in the first Baptist Church auditorium.

Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy, superintendent of the hospital, will present the candidates for graduation, and the diplomas will be awarded by D. C. Simmons, president of the hospital board of trustees. Miss Virginia Walker, director of the nurse's training school, will present pins to the graduates.

Honor students of the 1948 graduating class are Miss Ruth E. Grafton of Laurel, valedictorian, and Miss Lura B. Rimes of Tylertown, salutatorian.

Other members of the graduating class are as follows: Miss Ruth E. Adams, Bude; Miss Mary A. Barham, Dixon; Miss Johnnie R. Beasley, Wesson; Miss (Continued on Page Two)

CONSERVATIVE BAPTISTS MEET IN MILWAUKEE

MILWAUKEE, Wis. —(RNS)—About 500 Conservative Baptists who are "seeking the purification of the Northern Baptist Convention" held sessions here prior to the annual meeting of the Convention.

Dr. R. S. Beal, Tucson, Ariz., president of the Conservative Baptist Fellowship, one of the three organizations holding the joint meeting, challenged them to be "positive about divine things." He warned them against being "modern neutrals, who sit on the fence."

The joint meeting included representatives of the Conservative Baptist Fellowship, the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society and the Conservative Baptist Association.

Dr. Beal charged the Northern Baptist Convention with "modernism." By this, he said he meant "the denial of the authority of the Bible in its trustworthiness and the denial of the virgin birth of our Lord."

He said, however, he did not expect the Conservatives would break away from the Northern Baptist Convention to form a separate legal entity. Such a break has been threatened at Convention meetings in the past.

Blue Mtn. Celebrates 75th Anniversary

Waldrup, Jefferson Elected Presidents of National and Junior Alumnae Associations

Blue Mountain, Miss., May 29 — Blue Mountain College alumnae and friends from every section of Mississippi and several states assembled here today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the college and to attend the National Alumnae Association and the Junior Alumnae Association meetings.

At the morning session officers were elected for the ensuing year. The National Alumnae Association officers are: President, Mrs. R. E. Waldrup, Nashville, Tenn.; first vice-president, Mrs. H. D. Taylor, Jackson; second vice-president, Mrs. P. W. Moore, Memphis, Tenn.; third vice-president, Mrs. C. A. Smith, Drew; secretary, Mrs. L. M. Gatlin, Blue Mountain; treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Donnell, Blue Mountain.

The Junior Alumnae Association officers are: President, Dot Lee Jefferson, Cleveland; first vice-president, Jean Anderson, Collierville, Tenn.; second vice-president, Anita Headrick, Laurel; third vice-president, Violet Hendricks, Inverness; fourth vice-president, Jean Yates, Houston, Tex.; secretary, Mildred Holt, Milan, Tenn.; treasurer, Billie Hicks, Sledge.

The Junior Alumnae Association donated \$100 toward landscaping the dean's home.

A memorial service presided over by Mrs. D. C. Simmons of Jackson was held. Mrs. Wirt Carpenter, Starkville, memorialized Mrs. Emma Fair Armstrong, and David E. Guyton memorialized Dr. B. G. Lowrey.

Mrs. Ruby Collins Lowrey, Olive Branch, presided at the luncheon. Greetings and tributes to the reunion classes were brought by Mrs. P. W. Moore, followed by music from several operettas, cutting the birthday cake, a fashion parade, and the reading of (Continued on Page Two)

Who And What Are Baptists And What Is The Backbone Of Their Faith

Dr. Lee Says South Treats Negroes Well

MILWAUKEE, Wis. —(RNS)— Negroes in the South are treated "as well as they are anywhere else," Dr. Robert G. Lee, Memphis, Tenn., newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said here on a brief visit to the Northern Baptist Convention annual sessions.

His comment was made when he was asked his opinion of President Truman's civil rights program. "The President forgets the South treats Negro people as well as they are treated anywhere else," he declared.

"I've preached to colored people myself. They love me and I love them," he added.

Italian Baptist Leader Asks Freedom for Pentecostals

ROME —(RNS)— Manfredi Ronchi general secretary of the Baptist Union of Italy, has called upon the Undersecretary of the Interior to issue orders to local police officials in Italy permitting members of the Pentecostal sect to worship freely and to evangelize both publicly and privately.

He requested further that a law be enacted which would have the effect of clarifying Article 8 of Italy's new Constitution. This article reads: "Public offenses and injuries committed within Italian territory against the person of His Holiness the Pope, by speech, act or writing, are punished as are offenses and injuries committed against the Head of the State."

Some Protestant leaders in this country have expressed the view that the article could be interpreted so that one could be penalized for speaking against the institution of the Papacy.

By Clark Porteous,
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

(Editor's Note: Below we reprint from the Memphis Press-Scimitar a self-explanatory article. It is good to see ourselves as others see us.)

What are Baptists?

There are more than 10,000 visiting Baptists in Memphis, attending the Southern Baptist Convention at the Auditorium, and this is a good time to explain what Baptists are.

In the first place, Baptists do not count themselves as Protestants. They claim to be the original apostolic church, which never admitted the Bishop of Rome as their head, and thus never were connected with the Roman Catholic Church, hence never had to "protest" and thus never were Protestants.

While ordinarily counted as Protestants now, since they are not Catholics, they hold that they are not Protestants in the same sense as Methodists, Presbyterians and other Protestant denominations.

Official Booklet

Dr. James Edgar Dillard has revised his 1937 booklet, "We Shouthern Baptists," enlarging it considerably, and it is considered official. Dr. Dillard has retired after 11 years as director of promotions for the Southern Baptist Convention. He lives in Nashville. He says there are 15 million people called Baptists, and they constitute the largest body of "free" Christians in the world.

"By 'free' Christians we mean those who are members of some Christian communion by their own choice," Dillard says. "Millions of people are members of state churches because they were born in certain countries; other millions are counted as members of certain churches because their parents or guardians were and they themselves were sprinkled in infancy."

Baptists do not believe in infant baptism. (Continued on Page Two)

Baptist Pastors Get Rural Awards

MILWAUKEE, Wis. —(RNS)— Two Baptist pastors were recipients here of Rosa O. Hall Awards for outstanding service in the rural church field. They were the Rev. L. Clarke Granfield of Stonington, Ill., and the Rev. Ralph J. Karney of Howell, Mich.

Mr. Granfield is president of the town and country fellowship of the Northern Baptist Convention. Mr. Karney, pastor at Howell, Livingston and Oakland County field of Baptist churches, helped one church to grow so it could support a full-time pastor in the field. Two remaining churches have grown from a combined total of 241 to 562 members.

Go Ye Into All The World And Preach
The Gospel To Every Creature



Somewhere Your Church
is
Preaching-Teaching-Healing-Serving

May we count upon you?
Only so is it possible.

The Baptist Record EF Plan Helps Increase Spirituality

WHO AND WHAT ARE BAPTISTS

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baptism. They believe persons should make up their own minds, and be baptized because they have been saved and want to follow Jesus in baptism.

"Baptists are extreme individualists; they demand for themselves and grant to all others the right to think independently," Dillard writes. "As a result there are some minor differences among them, but they all acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and accept the New Testament as their standard of faith and practice."

Dr. Dillard says no man can put his finger upon any person or date this side of Christ and truthfully say, "Here is where and when Baptists began." He says they have sprung up independently and almost spontaneously in many lands and times as a result of persons reading the New Testament for themselves and seeking to carry out its teachings and injunctions.

Origin of Name

The name "Baptist," like the name "Christian," was first given this group in derision by their opponents. At one time they were called Anabaptists, because they insisted on baptizing or, as their enemies said, "rebaptizing" believers who had been sprinkled in infancy. The name Baptist originated with John the Baptist.

Dr. Dillard says Baptists gave to American civilization the complete idea of liberty. "That is liberty as distinguished from toleration—liberty that not only demands freedom for itself but demands it for all others as well."

"Baptists are and have always been protagonists of religious liberty. By liberty we do not mean toleration. Toleration carries with it the idea of a superior who grants a privilege or makes a concession. Liberty is an innate God-giving endowment. We are made in the image of God and are free moral agents. No one can coerce the soul and no one has a right to try. The soul answers to God only. Baptists claim for themselves and grant to all others absolute soul liberty." — The Press-Scimitar.

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28 NURSES GRADUATE

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Mary F. Brown, Newhebron; Miss Mary F. Burges, Laurel; Miss Nora E. Embury, Jackson; Miss Mary E. Gillis, Crystal Springs; Miss Mary E. Grantham, Hattiesburg; Miss Janie C. Grantham, Collins; Miss Mary F. Hallman, Bolton; Miss Christine Herrin, Collins; Miss Leola Knight, Nettleton; Miss Adonis Martin, Wesson; Miss Myrtis L. Maxwell, Brookhaven; Miss Nettie L. Myers, Magee; Miss Pauline Pickering, Collins; Miss Hershey Quinn, Newhebron; Miss Mattie A. Rice, Liberty; Miss Mary Carolyn Ross, Crystal Springs; Miss Jacquelyn Stanford, Carrollton; Miss Nancy L. Thomas, Crystal Springs; Miss Bernadine Stewart, Picayune; Miss Christine Van Etten, Edwards; Miss Wanza Joy Walker, Auburn; Miss Olga I. Young, Hattiesburg.

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We can and will have a just society only as we have increasing numbers of individuals who are just in all their dealings with their fellow men. Men become just as they recognize relationship to and their accountability to a just God . . . T. B. Maston in The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

The wonder thing about the Bible is that it not only gives to men the highest possible ideals for life but that it also puts within men the desire to attain to these ideals. It furnishes the goal for life and the motive and dynamic to attain that goal. . . . T. B. Maston in The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

Second Protestant Film To Have Premiere June 15

NEW YORK — (RNS) — "My Name is Han," a documentary movie "hailing the new era of Christianity in China" will have its world premier in 100 U. S. and Canadian cities on June 15, it was announced here by the Protestant Film Commission.

The announcement said the film would be shown in tens of thousands of churches thereafter.

"My Name is Han," second film to be produced jointly by major Protestant denominations in this country and Canada, was made to coincide with the launching of a mission study program on China during 1948-49. It was photographed in China and only Chinese appear in the picture.

Distribution of the film is being handled by the Religious Film Association, an interdenominational service organization. The Association is suggesting its use not only for missions study projects but also for youth groups, "ministers' meetings, forums on world affairs and church-sponsored labor-management meetings.

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THE CONFESSIONS OF ST. AUGUSTINE (\$1.50), condensed and edited by Dr. David Otis Fuller and published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is a Christian Life Library selection. "When, like a devouring plague, the Pelagian heresy was sweeping the early Christian Church, God in His sovereign grace spoke to the heart of a brilliant and pleasure-loving sinner. The Great Potter first broke him upon His wheel, then fashioned him into a theological giant whose heart burned with a passionate love for Christ, the Son of God, and for his fellow men." So speaks Dr. Fuller in his foreword to this condensation of Augustine's CONFESSIONS. Every word is interesting. Orders should be sent to the publisher or to the Baptist Book Store.

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BLUE MTN. CELEBRATES

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the Jubilee poem by Mrs. Beula G. Lee King of Memphis.

The afternoon session was presided over by Mrs. L. D. Marks, Memphis. The welcome address was given by Mrs. L. M. Gatlin, and the response by Mrs. C. K. Beck, Oak Ridge, Tenn. Miss Bea Dawkins sang the Jubilee song. President Lawrence T. Lowrey discussed the progress of the college during the past year.

Mrs. Wilma Bobo Sledge, Jackson, the feature speaker, was introduced by Mrs. Lawrence T. Lowrey. Mrs. Sledge spoke of the demands of the present time in the spread of Christian principles and of the revolutionary social changes that are taking place. She emphasized the fact that Blue Mountain alumnae have the qualifications to do their part in meeting these demands in places of leadership they may assume in civic, educational, religious and social activities.

Miss Helen Bolt, student secretary, conducted the exercises in the dedication of the Mary D. Yarborough Bradley auditorium of Broach Hall. Mrs. Elaine Coleman Pearson dedicated the Carpenter Home for the Dean and Mrs. Walter Taylor affixed the plaque.

A historical pageant, 1873-1948, entitled "Imperishable Columns" was presented in the evening in the Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium. The pageant was written by Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler and directed by Miss Louise Young, Jackson.

Youth Revival Volunteers



LAVON MCARTHUR

Lavon McArthur, student at Clarke College, is one of 100-odd volunteers for Youth Revival work in Mississippi this summer. Revival teams may be secured by writing State BSU Dept., Box 530, Jackson.

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Fanatics and Rabble Rousers

The dictionary defines a "rabble rouser" as, "One who attempts to influence the minds of the populace by appealing to their prejudices and passions."

Very few people enjoy being designated as fanatics and rabble rousers. For this reason, great numbers of sober, right thinking people remain quiet when they should be protesting to high heaven and raising all kinds of sand against the pernicious and diabolical methods used by the liquor crowd to liquorize our country.

Brother preachers, if you are afraid of being branded as fanatics there is a way around it. Just invite W. L. Holcomb to speak on temperance in your church, and be assured that after hearing him, your people will put the fanatics on the wet side. If you have not yet heard him, invite him and be convinced.

It will not cost your church anything to hear him, but it may result in turning into your church money that has been going for strong drink. There is a sentence in grammar that says, "Seeing is believing." In this case, "Hearing is believing." Holcomb is being paid by Mississippi Baptists to preach the doctrine of temperance and prohibition. Preachers should keep him on the road nearly all the time. Let's do it.

Faithfully yours,
A. A. KITCHINGS
Chairman Temperance
Committee, Baptist State
Convention

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A Reader Writes

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

Your prompt and comprehensive report of the Convention amazes me, and I heartily congratulate you. Your paper, so far as I have been able to examine, is unique in giving readers a detailed report of the Convention the SAME WEEK OF ITS ADJOURNMENT.

Because of the keen and commendable competition of the secular press in religious matters our Baptist papers must put on a good deal of newspaper "pep" if they expect to maintain interested readers and a permanent subscription list. The modern Baptist will demand a religious newspaper with new, interesting and profitable features week by week. They will not be permanently satisfied with a mere departmentalized denominational bulletin.

Did you notice how many secular papers had special representation at the Convention, in addition to AP reporters? Their readers will not be interested in humdrum reports in a denominational paper, weeks after the event.

With renewed congratulations and a sincere prayer that your paper may be more and more a refreshing spiritual power,

Cordially,
JEFF D. RAY.

WILL WE LET HIM?

By Louie D. Newton

Christ is the Answer — the theme of the Memphis Convention — the conviction of every true follower of the Saviour and Lord. Those of us who went to Memphis felt it, and those who could not go to Memphis felt it — the impact of this encompassing theme — Christ is the Answer.

The question now emerges, Will We Let Him? "Behold, I stand at the door and knock . . . Ask what ye will, in My Name. . . If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. . . Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

We stood and sang in the closing minutes of the Convention, "Blest be the tie that binds." I felt it then, I feel it now — the tie of a great commitment. I felt that tie between my heart and the heart of six million Southern Baptists. And the heart of the Christ, Who is the answer!

He is the answer in the home, in the church, in the community, in the whole earth. He is the answer to the preacher's every task, the teacher's every task, the missionary's every task, the editor's every task, the secretary's every task, the layman's every task, the parent's every task — the Christian's every task.

The determining factor is my willingness to let Him be the answer.

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YMMC at Ridgecrest

The Young Men's Mission Conference at Ridgecrest will be from Aug. 5 to Aug. 11. Requirements are:

- Be at least 15 years of age.
- Be interested in Missions.
- Be willing to cooperate.

The cost will be about \$15, not counting transportation costs.

If you are interested, or know of someone that is, write to R. A. Secy, Box 530, Jackson, and give the name and address of the individual who is interested, and whether he meets the three requirements or not. This does not mean that all who apply will be eligible or chosen. We want to represent our state equally and as well as possible. The earlier you apply, the better chance you have of being selected. There is a dead-line.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

May 30, 1948

Brookhaven, First	832	202
Crystal Springs	629	117
Jackson, Northside	330	118
Jackson, Van Winkle	363	201
Magee	334	97
Jackson, First	1167	312
Jackson, Davis Memorial	278	78
Zion Hill, Copiah County	36	66
Ridgeland, Madison	48	33
Jackson, Elaine	114	68
East Columbia	104	
Laurel, First	631	133
Laurel, West	408	116
New Albany, First	638	176
New Albany including Mission	680	211
Laurel, Second Avenue	405	157
Soso	133	66
Bruce	209	68
Gulfport, First	523	149
Booneville, First	293	131
Pascagoula, First	675	168
New Prospect, DeSoto County	58	57
Columbus, First	870	261
Lucedale	273	109
Holly Springs, Lincoln County	45	54

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Brookhaven	861	195
Stringer	80	
Durant	207	64
Myrick	85	105
Mantee	102	

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

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"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Jesus in Matthew 7:12

CORRECTION:

Three Deer Creek churches in the Clarke College Campaign list were inadvertently printed under Covington Association. They were Anguilla, no remittance, Arcola, \$35.00, and Belzoni, \$1,000.00. We are sure you will agree that our printers do an unusually fine job in getting out the Baptist Record, but any of us are likely to make an occasional mistake. We are happy to make the correction.

I

In Matthew 14:22-33 we have the familiar story of the disciples in the storm. Jesus comes to them on the sea. Peter wants to walk on the water, tries it, begins to sink, calls on his Lord, and Jesus lifts him up. Result: The faith of the disciples in Jesus was strengthened in worship!

Simon Peter wanted to be "it." That spirit was manifest in the group later — Matthew 20:20-29. This spirit is listed as a fruit of the flesh in Galatians 5:19-21. The term there is "emulations or an inordinate desire to excel," "jealousy or malicious rivalry." It must be bad in the sight of God for it is there listed with such egregious sins as "adultery, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, heresies, murders, drunkenness," etc.

Simon Peter exhibited moral weakness in his selfish desire that eventuated in lack of faith, taking the form of fears. He got his eyes off Jesus onto the wind. Simon Peter was pretty "windy." He succumbed to the wind. Another fell before it, "Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind: he daily increaseth lies and desolation; and they do make a covenant with the Assyrians," Hosea 12:1 They believe in rumpus session, secret caucuses, evil alignments, vicious propaganda, dealing destruction, etc.

God's people need to keep their eyes upon Jesus! Else they will sink and fail. Prosperity holds dangers for a person, a family, a church, or a denomination. We always have in our midst folks who will sell honor and whatnot for things just as Deliah offered to do.

The would be dictator, the domineering, the conniving deal out destruction today as in Hosea 12:1. Let us keep our eyes upon Jesus!

II

We read on the bulletin board of Brother Tom Pruitt's church, Vicksburg, something like this, "Confess your own sins. Don't spend so much time confessing the faults of others." Read Romans 2:1. Do you know what God says in Proverbs 6:12-19?

III

Brother J. B. Parker has done an excellent work in reviving the church at Madison. The new building seen from the highway is attractive. Here again the Executive Committee helped in the ad interim by giving State Mission aid to a worthy situation! Doxology!

IV

At the S. B. C., Pastor F. V. McFatrige and son — Christian father, Christian son — looked good as together they walked in the corridor of the auditorium. The C. W. Thompson family were present for the Convention. We have promised their fine young son an airplane ride and we expect to keep that promise. The well known Cranford brothers were enjoying the Convention. They are Jack, Paul, and David. Their father is a preacher. A sister married a preacher. That is spiritual force!

The Wells family is another family of preachers — a half dozen brothers and cousins, preachers — father a preacher — and a sister married a preacher. More of this spiritual power.

This S. B. C. showed that a lot of people are interested in the King's Business!

V

Eupora Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor J. R. Reedy has done a phenomenal thing in accumulating the sum of \$70,000.00 cash as a building fund before they start the building. They have plans for a very lovely house of worship. In revival services some 150-300 persons gathered each morning in the downtown theater while some 200-400 came in the evening for worship in the lovely school auditorium. Brother Reedy is one of our most constructive and loyal pastors with fine helpers in his family members. Three came on profession of faith and others gave expression of reconsecration and having received spiritual help.

Brother Lee Chambers, Vicksburg, led the singing in this revival as the one at Bowmar Avenue. We were more than glad to be with him. He is a good music director and a fine Christian.

VI

The East Greenville Church is going along nicely even without a pastor. A good congregation was present Wednesday night as we went to them in a final engagement for the time being. They had young people as well as old people in their prayer service. Doxology!

The Paynes High School, Tallahatchie County, was packed and overflowing Commencement night. Superintendent Ramsey delivered six diplomas to high school graduates in addition to a fine group from the eighth grade.

Pastor C. L. Boland had arrived on the scene the day before, and we were happy to welcome him and his family back to Mississippi after a sojourn at Southwestern Seminary. Brother Boland is another one of our very capable younger pastors.

We also had a delightful visit with Pastor Kermit Canterbury and family of Charleston. Brother Canterbury has had unusual experiences and is one of our strong young pastors.

We are enjoying having fellowship with Dr. B. C. Land, Baptist Foundation Secretary. He is sympathetic and cooperative in all the work, having a well rounded vision of all the causes of Christ involved.

VII

To us the book of Nehemiah is the most practical found in the Old Testament. The man, Nehemiah, is one of the greatest of any day and age. In chapter 1, we find that he was a compassionate man inquiring after the desperate plight of his brethren in Jerusalem. The sad report caused him to weep, fast, and pray. Read his prayer in verses 5-11.

Even in a foreign land, Nehemiah so lived that he was in a place of responsibility, as we see in the beginning of chapter 2. At times sorrow is so great it is etched in the lines of one's face. The king makes it possible for him to be fitted out for a journey back home. Certainly everyone will be glad that a great work is about to be done. Not so, for we read in 2:10. "When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel."

When he got to Jerusalem, he first made a survey, a very wise thing to do. He kept his mouth shut, 2:12, "And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem; neither was there any beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon." Then he called upon the people to rise up and build.

Back then, as now, some did not like big building, for we read, 2:19, "But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, what

is this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the King?" Nehemiah answered them, as we must answer them today, in prayer, 2:20, "Then answered I them, and said unto them, the God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem."

In chapter 3, we have listed the builders of the wall. Is your name listed among builders? Jesus said, "On this rock I will build my church." Matthew 16:18.

Nehemiah had some opposition. Read chapters 4, 5, and 6. Sanballat got mad, and made out like he was much madder. First, he tried ridicule. Then Tobiah joined in the ridicule with a statement that a fox would break down their work. Nehemiah answered that by prayer. Too many times too many of us try to answer a thing by argument when prayer would be much better. Some of these days we are going to preach on 4:6, "So built we the wall; for the people had a mind to work."

The opposition gained some recruits as in 4:7, Sanballat and Tobiah are joined by Arabians, Ammonites, and Ashdodites. They all got very mad and conspired together to fight against Jerusalem and to hinder it. Again in 4:9, Nehemiah answered it by prayer and precaution. Discouragement is the next opposition encountered, 4:10-23. That is answered by faith and organized effort.

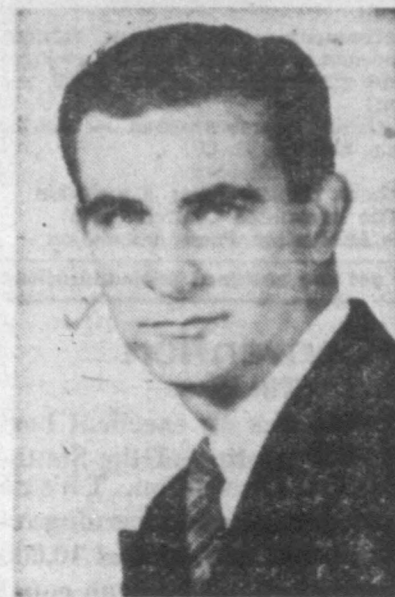
There were greedy people in those days as now. Greed for power and greed for possessions. This opposition melted before restitution and generosity. Nehemiah led the way in giving.

Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem then invited Nehemiah to a union meeting. They said, "Come out and let us talk it over." The answer of Nehemiah was, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you." When will the people of God learn that first things should come first, and that the work of God should not be stopped by every wind that blows or every idler who comes along.

They then accused Nehemiah of rebellion, of treason. They accused Jesus of treason. Nehemiah could emphatically say, "it is not true." They then tried to frighten Nehemiah. His reply was, "Should such a man as I flee?" God does not make his people to run backward! Jesus does not save men that they may be cowards.

The wall is finished. God intends that every good work shall be completed. Starting with chapter 7, we find that responsible men are put in charge and there is a register of the people. Worship is established, and the chapter ends with one grand offering to the Lord. In chapter 8, they study the Word of God, and worship is further restored. In chapter 9, the people confess, fast, and repent. In chapter 10, they sign the covenant and bring their tithes and offerings. In chapter 11, homes are established throughout Jerusalem and other cities. In chapter 12, religious leaders are set in place, the walls are dedicated, and the temple order is restored. In Chapter 13, separation is practiced, the temple is cleansed, order is restored in the house of God, Sabbath violation is stopped, and intermarrying with other races rebuked. In many ways the story of Nehemiah is as modern as today. God is the same. Faithfulness and loyalty are the same. God still wants builders. There are a few inside the ranks of God's people and many on the outside, now as then, who oppose every good work!

W. O. Phippen Accepts West End Church



REV. W. O. PIPPEN

Rev. W. O. Phippen has resigned Montpelier and a field of surrounding churches to accept the pastorate at West End Church, West Point.

Mr. Phippen succeeds Rev. Walter F. Bisbee, who is now a student at Mississippi College and state RA secretary.

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BSU OFFICERS ELECTED AT WOMAN'S COLLEGE

Officers elected to serve for the Baptist Student Union of Mississippi Woman's College for the session of 1948-49 are:

President — Louise Waddell (re-elected) Conowingo, Maryland; Enlistment Vice-President — Geraldine Parish, Prentiss; Social Vice-President — Genevieve Pigford, Toomsburg; Devotional Vice-President — Marty Hamilton, Hattiesburg; Secretary — Julia Toy Hewitt, Jackson; Treasurer — Betty Jo Shields, Hattiesburg; Reporter — Nan McMurphy, Lucedale; Magazine Representatives — Newell Massey, Hattiesburg; Chorister — Carroll Freeman, Petal; Pianist — Nell Crumby, Coffeeville; Extension Chairman — Ruby Bagwell, Oxford; Talent Chairman — Betty Pope, Brookhaven; Sunday School Representative — Ann Causey, Terry; B. T. U. Representative — Juanita Parish, Prentiss; Y. W. A. Representative — Cora Joyce Davis, Hattiesburg; Pastor Advisor — Dr. J. C. Murphy, Fifth Avenue, Hattiesburg; B. S. U. Secretary — Miss Kathleen Taylor.

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THE SOUNDING OF THE SEVENTH ANGEL (\$2.00), By B. H. Akin and published by the Christopher Publishing House, 1140 Columbus Avenue, Boston 20, Mass., is a book that sheds a new and revealing light on the Bible. It reveals the mystery of the Seventh Angel. The author has taken passages of the Bible and set forth clearly the explanation of these passages. The book is divided into two parts, and at the beginning of each part there is a short summary of the story contained therein. Throughout the book, Mr. Akin stresses the importance of faith. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

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The Convention

The Place

Memphis was an excellent host to the 1948 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. There were many mix-ups concerning reservations, but with almost 10,000 messengers and probably an equal number of visitors, we marvel that more errors did not occur.

Genuine Dixie courtesy was the order of the day. A messenger's badge was a pass to the best that Memphis had. So far as we know, no prices were raised, and no one took advantage of the crowded conditions to gouge the customers. Memphis did a good job.

The Program

The program was well-prepared and so far as we recall was more closely followed than any previous one. Few program changes were made.

It was noticeable that there were few new names on the program. We still are unable to understand why it is necessary to use some people so often and so many not at all.

There were 9844 messengers registered by Saturday morning. Surely with that many messengers, there should be less duplication on our boards, committees, and programs.

All reports were in the key of O (optimism). Few indeed were the pessimistic pronouncements.

The Peaks

There were few high peaks in the program, nor were there any hours in the valley. In most cases the Convention steered a conservative course.

Among outstanding events of the Convention were: the record attendance; the reports of progress by all agencies; the revision of the report of the Allocations Committee and the subsequent adoption of the original committee report; unanimous opposition to Myron S. Taylor (or anyone else) as ambassador to the Vatican and to the use of public funds for parochial schools; revision of the constitu-

tion so or to exclude any messenger who is not in harmony with the work of the convention; the presentation of the work of the Brotherhood, Home Missions, and Foreign Missions.

None who was present can ever forget Dr. Chester Swor's forceful presentation of youth problems; Dr. M. Theron Rankin's appeal for twice as much money and twice as many foreign missionaries; the inspiring Christian Home program on Saturday night highlighted by Dr. Ellis A. Fuller's address on, "Save Our Homes — Or Else;" and the decision to emphasize evangelism with the recommendation that each state provide a superintendent of evangelism.

The Convention acted wisely in view of Northern Baptists' purported plans to merge with the Disciples, to postpone action concerning a North American Alliance.

In no uncertain terms the Convention condemned the liquor traffic and asked the Sunday School Board to implement that action.

One of the very highest peaks of the Convention was the great evangelistic service on Sunday afternoon with an estimated attendance of 25,000 and a soul-stirring sermon by Dr. R. G. Lee.

The Prospects

With no major divisive problems, a challenging program, and "fields white unto the harvest" at home and abroad, the coming year should see Southern Baptists reach new heights in Kingdom accomplishments.

The large attendance indicated that Southern Baptists are very much interested in Baptist affairs.

Financial reports indicate great Baptist resources and great possibilities if the people really become stewards.

Southern Baptists are getting into high gear for a great world-wide program. They talk about millions of dollars and thousands of people. No note of defeat was heard.

Southern Baptists are Baptists. No compromise with error was attempted. No one tried to lead them to depart from Baptist principles. They know what they believe and why.

The Convention was living proof that Baptists can function as a great democratic body, yet guarantee to each church liberty of action without hindrance of any kind of overlord.

Missionary interest, Home and Foreign, is widening year by year. There is also a rising tide of evangelistic interest that makes the future prospects brighter.

Be Fair

According to the International News Service which quotes government reports as its authority, the cost of living is still going up and reached an all-time high in April and we are talking about April 1948.

Secretary, Porter Routh reports that consumer income is now at the highest level in the history of our country.

Any church paying the same pastor's salary this year that it paid last year is in reality paying less, for the pastor, according to government figures, cannot buy as much with a dollar today as he could with a dollar a year ago. Be fair to your pastor!

—BR—

Solving Vacation Problems

Vacation time is upon us - the time that has become a source of deep concern on the part of parents and Christian leaders. For twenty-five per cent of their time, children are turned loose to their own devices. Their play life needs supervision; their activities need purposeful guidance; their minds need the mental stimuli of Bible drills, memory work, story-telling; they need to be taught about God so that they will love Him, delight in His Word, accept the Saviour, and serve mankind.

In July, 1898, Dr. John W. Jones, pastor of the Epiphany Baptist Church in New York, and Mrs. Eliza Hawes, conducted the first Daily Vacation Bible School. Southern Baptists, through the Sunday School Board, established a Vacation Bible School Department in 1924. Today this school, or its equivalent, is a recognized educational unit of most denominations.

They have become an oasis in the summer desert. They win boys and girls to Christ; they teach missions effectively; they reach non-Sunday School pupils; and they offer a balanced program of activities that strengthens Sunday Schools and churches. Each church decides on the most suitable time for its own school. However, more schools are held in June than in any other month.

Last year in Mississippi there were 803 schools, with an enrollment of 52,436 and an average attendance per school of 65.3. Out of 408 of these, there were 974 conversions. The mission offering from these schools amounted to \$5,784; the cost per day for each pupil enrolled was 7 cents! There were 5,701 pupils enrolled who did not go to any Sunday School.

Vacation Bible Schools have proven their value through the years by the increased number of schools held. In 1936 there were

54 schools; in 1947 there were 803.

Last year we had three 100 per cent associations in the state: Columbus, Deer Creek, and George. With a little more effort this year, many more can be listed in this group.

The Sunday School Department has an excellent program for Vacation Bible School this year. The school motto is, "To know God's will is the greatest knowledge; to find God's will for one's life is the greatest discovery; and to do God's will is the greatest achievement." What parent would not be eager for his child's life to be molded by the influence of a school with this motto!

Let us support these schools this year, not only be encouraging our children to attend, but by offering our services during the schools.

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Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—
Editor.

Rome Collects Half A Million For What?

Our curiosity was recently aroused by a one-sentence Associated Press dispatch from Honolulu. It stated: "The navy has paid the Catholic Church on Guam \$524,950.23 for war-time damage to 38 properties, Pacific fleet headquarters announced today." The date was August 25. Since \$524,950.23 is a great deal of money and Guam is a small island which, before the war, displayed very simple structures, we wondered how one church could suffer so much damage there. So far we have been unable to secure further light on that point. But we have learned that no Protestant claims have been paid, although one of the Baptist mission boards seeks indemnification for loss of one church and two houses. The Roman Catholic claim was paid promptly, but the Protestant bill is still "under consideration." The navy says that payment was made under Public Law 224, 79th Congress, approved November 15, 1945. That law sets up the Guam Land and Claims Commission, appointed by the Chief of Naval Operations and or the Naval Governor of Guam. This commission consists of not more than three commissioned officers of the navy or marine corps. Under the law, payment is to be made only to "permanent residents of Guam," the term being defined as meaning "natural persons domiciled in the island of Guam." Since the navy has announced that it has paid "the Catholic Church on Guam \$524,950.23," the question arises as to whether that church is "a natural person domiciled in the island of Guam." Furthermore the law is limited (Section 2-a) to claims not exceeding \$5,000. Thirty-eight claims at a maximum of \$5,000 each do not work out to more than half a million. In the light of the many questions this transaction raises, Pacific fleet headquarters might consider whether it does not owe the taxpayers, whose \$524,950.23 was paid out, a bill of particulars. The whole matter is significant.

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BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

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New Brotherhoods

County Line, Copiah, Rev. L. C. Hoff, pastor, and **Claud Blackman,** president.

Port Gibson, Union, Rev. A. L. Chumbley, pastor.

Leavell Woods, Hinds, Rev. Mack Bomer, pastor.

Midway, Hinds, Rev. Joe Royalty, pastor, and **Hal Spencer,** president.

Calvary, Hinds, Dr. Claude B. Bowen, pastor.

Brookhaven, First, Lincoln, Dr. W. Landon Miller, pastor.

Woodville, Marion, Rev. E. N. Sullivan, pastor.

Phalti, Jefferson Davis, Rev. Marcus Alexander, pastor.

Westside, Natchez, Adams-Franklin, Rev. James W. Crumpton, pastor. This is a Junior Brotherhood.

Important Announcement

The Brotherhood of Prentiss is serving as host for a county-wide rally at Prentiss Tuesday evening, June 15, for the purpose of organizing an associational Brotherhood.

Rankin Votes to Organize

On the evening of April 29 a good representation from several of the churches in Rankin County met with Richland Church, Plain, in a county-wide Brotherhood meeting. After a

presentation of the Brotherhood work by the Brotherhood secretary the men voted to organize an associational Brotherhood. Three of the pastors, Rev. Charles L. Phipps, Richland; Rev. Grady Smith, Leesburg; Rev. Montie Davis, Brandon, were asked to serve as a nominating committee and be responsible for the program at the next meeting in June. They expect to bring their nominations to the men at this meeting.

Brother Phipps and his men of Richland Church entertained the men in a very splendid way. Thanks, Brethren!

IT HAS BEEN DONE!

Five New Brotherhoods in Five Nights

The Brotherhood Secretary had the unique privilege of assisting with five new Brotherhood last week on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The new Brotherhoods are: East Moss Point, Rev. Zeno Wells, pastor; Ocean Springs, Rev. W. R. Storie, pastor; Lyman, Rev. Jesse Watkins, pastor; New Hope, Rev. Jesse Watkins, pastor; and Long Beach, Rev. E. R. Anderson, pastor. To the pastors of these fine churches is due the entire credit for this record. They planned well, and God blessed their efforts.

AN UNUSUAL COLLEGE

By Mrs. Bessie E. Kent

The biggest, brightest calendar of coming events for Clarke College is now on the minds and hearts of Mississippi Baptists. It only remains for us to do our part. Plans for the greatly needed buildings are on paper. We stand amazed at the accomplishments of the past as we consider the crude possibilities that existed for some years. But we have always had some men of God to carry on well among faculty and student body.

The President, Dr. W. E. Greene, went from Clarke to Mississippi College and to the New Orleans Seminary. After serving as pastor of several churches he was elected President of Clarke College.

So many Mississippi pastors with fine records were C. M. C. students. Dr. L. Bracey Campbell, Clinton, a former Professor at B. B. I., New Orleans and pastor of Gentilly Church, New Orleans is now Professor in Bible at Mississippi College. Rev. W. B. Abel, pastor of Popular Springs Church, Meridian, is an outstanding pastor and evangelist. Rev. N. J. Hickman, Louisville, former pastor at Indianola is Associational Missionary in Winston County. Dr. B. C. Land, Jackson, formerly Director of Stewardship Promotion for Alabama Baptists is at present Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy is now Professor in the New Orleans Seminary. Rev. Percy M. Cooper, organized and pastored Southside Baptist Church in Jackson. Rev. A. L. Gatewood who served as Associational Missionary in New Orleans is now pastor in Itta Bena. Rev. J. R. Davis, pastor of First Church, New Albany's a C. M. C. man.

Rev. O. B. Beverly, pastor at Flora, member of the Convention Board and President of C. M. C. Alumni Association's. Rev. W. L. Meadows, pastor, Quitman Church. Dr. W. A. Sullivan, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nat-

chez is a trustee of Mississippi College. Rev. Herman A. Milner, pastor of Van Winkle Church, Jackson. A Jackson pastor says, "Herman is doing the outstanding work in Jackson." His wife is the former Rachel Cranford. Her father and three brothers are Baptist preachers. Dr. J. C. Murphy is pastor in Hattiesburg. Rev. Homer Robertson is pastor of Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg, and a trustee of C. M. C. Dr. W. H. Sumrall, former Dean at Mississippi College is now Dean of Graduate School, Mississippi Southern College.

Many other men who have succeeded in the business world could be mentioned with the names of hundreds of preachers from our "unusual college." J. A. Travis former Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, is connected with State Department of Education. Sidney Roebuck, is Chairman of the Highway Commission. Herbert E. Bishop, who gained recognition as a banker is working as one of the principal officers in Farmers and Merchants Bank of Forest. Claude Cross, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass., is a member of a prominent law firm in Boston. L. M. Clark, First Vice-President of Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Ga., is a C. M. C. man.

A recent tour of the campus left the impression that the faculty and students work in unison. It seems that with the help of God, they have all dedicated themselves to the task of being all these things that they would have their college be.

We do not know anywhere one can invest money where it will bring greater returns for time and eternity than in the work of Clarke College.

The Foreign Mission Board has recently appointed some outstanding persons who had already "arrived." Their positions were important and their futures were secure. They were established as leaders of men, but since they were followers of Christ, they found it necessary to go all the way with him. — George W. Sadler in The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

TYLERTOWN LAYMAN REVIVAL



Shown above, left center, is R. G. LeTourneau, outstanding Christian layman, who recently spoke at the Layman's Revival at Tylertown Church, Rev. Ray F. Dykes, pastor. At far left is Mrs. Ray Dykes, and in the

center foreground is little Ray Francis Dykes, Jr. From left to right: two members of Mr. LeTourneau's party, Mr. LeTourneau, Earl Ginn, Sr., R. E. Dillon, Rev. Ray Dykes, P. B. Magee, and Clarke Honea.

WATKINS JOINS STAFF 1ST CHURCH, VICKSBURG



REV. FOREST (WOODY) WATKINS

Rev. Forest (Woody) Watkins began work on June 1 as assistant to the Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Vicksburg, Mississippi. Dr. D. Swan Haworth, pastor, takes great pleasure in announcing the addition of Mr. Watkins to the church staff.

Mr. Watkins is a native of Albany, Georgia; he received his elementary and high school education there. He had Junior College work at Georgia Southwestern in Americus, Ga. He attended Practical Bible Training School at Binghamton, New York and during this time traveled with the Student League of Many Nations; he served as pianist for this group. Mr. Watkins attended Mississippi College at Clinton, and during the time he was at Miss. College he was Religious Educational Director at the Baptist Orphanage. For the past three years Mr. Watkins has been at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where he graduated just three weeks ago. During his first year at the Seminary he was Educational Director at Central Baptist Missions, Louisville, Ky. During his second and third year at the Seminary, he was in charge of Youth Programs and gave sacred piano concerts in different churches. For the past two summers he has served as assistant to the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hastings, Florida.

MISS JANE WOODS JOINS STAFF

Miss Jane Woods, former student at Blue Mountain College and Mississippi College and a native of Vicksburg,

Call New Election At Miss. College

New Officers Disqualified

Clinton, May 28 — Three officers of the Mississippi College Student body were disqualified at a student body meeting lasting two hours this morning.

The recently elected officers, Bobby Simmons, president, Roland Wilson, vice-president, and Bennie Moore, head cheerleader, were declared not eligible for the offices on a technicality in the Student Body Constitution which prescribes the number of semester hours the officers must have.

College records showed that the men elected by the students in a recent campus election failed to have sufficient hours to their credit.

Simmons is a three year student at Mississippi College, attending the school both summer and winter after receiving his discharge from the Navy and enrolling in the school. He has at this time 84 1-2 semester hours to his credit, and by the end of the summer would have the required 90 hours.

Herschel Saucier the present student body president was also a three year man and had about the same number of hours when he was named president a year ago. The issue concerning this technicality in the Constitution was not raised at that time, however.

A new election was ordered for these three offices, and it was believed that the election would not be held before next fall. Ordinarily officers elected at the end of a regular session of school take office during the commencement exercises, however, in this instance the Mississippi College student body will be without officers until next fall.

Saucier, senior present president of the Student Body, presided at the extraordinary session this morning. Held in the chapel, the meeting lasted two hours and brought forth much heated debate.

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SELECTED EDITORIAL

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ficant in its own right and also for the precedent it establishes for the Philippines, where the Roman Catholic Church claims from the United States war damages of \$125,000,000. — Christian Century.

began official connection with the church on June 1. Miss Woods will serve as Educational Secretary. She is well trained in this field. In addition to various phases of promotional work, she will be responsible for the keeping of the church membership records, and she will direct the department of Visual Education.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary --- PAUL D. BOOTHE, Asso. Secretary
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MRS. P. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary

New Attendance Records

It has been indeed gratifying to note so many Sunday schools making new attendance records during recent months.

And it has also been very noticeable that several of our schools that have been in the middle group of attendance have now pulled up and are in the top flight circle.

Well, it means more people are getting more Bible study, and that is the all-important thing about it.

New attendance records can be established if our workers will do a sufficient amount of planning, working, studying and visiting.

Associational Meetings

And while on the subject of attendance, let it be said that we are also having some very fine meetings of our associations.

Mr. E. M. Ball, superintendent of the Greene Association, says they had a very splendid meeting recently, with 100 present and five pastors.

These meetings of our associational leaders can be most helpful in the promotion of all phases of our Sunday school work.

Good Mission Opportunity

The success of our work is the mission part of it. Missions is carrying to others the glorious Gospel news.

One good way to do this is by having Vacation Bible schools in the Negro churches. Each summer a number of churches do this very thing.

Mrs. Ray McCool, West, Miss., sends a report of such a school at Rocky Point church, and says, "Three of my Intermediate G. A.'s assisted me. It was a very worthwhile experience for all of us."

Why not plan now to promote at least one Negro Vacation Bible school this summer? It is a fine Mission opportunity right at home.

Associational VBS Clinics

Several associations have had Vacation Bible school clinics this spring. The reports we have had have been most encouraging.

The purpose of these is to train the workers for better schools. It is a practical way to discuss and demonstrate the best ways of doing the various parts of the program.

Rev. M. C. Waldrup, Missionary, has had one in Bolivar association; Mrs. Jesse W. Megehee, associational VBS leader, had two sectional clinics in Pearl River association, with 102 present from 17 churches. All such meetings add up to better work. The two main things is to have more schools and also better schools.

Brother Rhodes Changes Work

Rev. S. J. Rhodes, associational missionary for Pearl River Association for nearly three years, leaves that post June first to become pastor of Bethel church in the same association.

Well, the association loses but Bethel gains.

Brother and Mrs. Rhodes have given themselves without stint to the work of promoting in their association all parts of our Baptist program.

The record of achievements reads as a thrilling story indeed. The gains along all lines have been splendid. In fact new records have been established in all parts of the work.

We thank them for their excellent leadership in the association, and wish

them well in their new place of service.

Ten Periods Required

Please do not forget that the equivalent of ten 45-minute periods are required to complete any Sunday school study course book. This includes one 45-minute period for the test.

Let's not minimize on this time element in the completion of these books.

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GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

PROGRESS IS NUMBER 910

Progress Church, Pike County, is one of the latest churches to join the growing list that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record.

Rev. Fred V. Brown, who is now in his second year as pastor of this church, writes, "We have been wanting to get the Record in our church for some time, and are thankful that we now have it. I am sure it will be a blessing to our church."

Pike County Record readers are now listed as follows: Bala Chitto 22; Bogue Chitto 50; Calvary 51; Central 14; East McComb 310; Fernwood 62; Friendship 132; Holmesville 38; Johnston Station 34; McComb, First 481; McComb, South Side 133; Magnolia 144; Mt. Zion 63; Navilla 1; Osyka 79; Progress 37; Silver Creek 43; Silver Springs 56; Summit 106; Tangipahoa 92; Terry's Creek 76; Thompson 17; Union 42.

WIGGINS

The work at Wiggins, under the direction of Pastor R. P. Butler, is making commendable progress. The educational and recreational building has been completed and an excellent young people's program is functioning. A movie camera has been installed which adds to the interest of the programs.

Financial receipts continue to increase and the WMU now has all organizations functioning. A new pastor's home is contemplated.

Lebanon Association now has Record readers listed as follows: Brooklyn 65; Carterville 50; Central 65; Dixie 39; Estabutchie 2; Glendale 49; Green's Creek 76; Hattiesburg, First 520; Hattiesburg, Bouie St., 62; Hattiesburg, Main St., 603; Hattiesburg, 5th Avenue 271; Hattiesburg, 28th Ave. 39; Hattiesburg, 38th Ave. 82; Immanuel 101; Irene Chapel 32; Lakeview 13; McLaurin 2; Macedonia 21; Maxie 1; Petal-Harvey 112; Providence 93; River Ave. 56; Zion Hill 66; Calvary 7; Corinth 31; Greenville, 32; Hickory Grove 82; Lumberton 133; Military 24; New Hope 1; Oral 32; Purvis 109; Sumrall 40; Big Level 50; Perkinson 35; Wiggins 88.

GRACE MEMORIAL, GULFPORT

Rev. P. S. Dodge has been pastor of Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport, for 30 years. The occasion was recently celebrated by special services.

Even though the air base is not now functioning, the church continues to grow in many ways. The Sunday School attendance is increasing. H. B. Robinson is now in his 26 years as



Frances Davis, Houston, (left), who has been elected Editor-in-Chief of *The Mountaineer*, year book of Blue Mountain College for 1948-49, and Betty McClure, Tupelo, elected Business Manager.

—From Blue Mountain College, 1948, By Rosa Hall, S. C. N.

MAGEE TO HAVE REVIVAL, MARTIN TO LEAD MUSIC



W. PLUNKETT MARTIN

Magee Church, Rev. J. B. Smith, pastor, is to have a series of revival services June 6 - 13. Pastor Smith will do the preaching and Professor W. Plunkett Martin, of the New Orleans Seminary, will direct the music.

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The universal desire for world peace which characterizes our time is accompanied by a demand for an authoritative warrant. The undoubted source for such a warrant upon which Christians can rely most securely is the Bible on which they base their faith. . . J. M. Dawson in *The Baptist Training Union Magazine*.

Sunday School superintendent. Recently a Brotherhood was organized with J. L. Currie as president, and a bus has been bought which brings in people from the outlying districts.

Under the presidency of Mrs. Pearl Carrol, the WMU is growing and its organizations, under Mrs. Benny Loflin as young people's leader, are making progress. The church has been recently remodeled and re-decorated.

This church uses the EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record.

Record readers in Gulf Coast Association are now listed as follows: Bay St. Louis 62; Kiln 2; Pearlgrison 1; Big Ridge 16; Biloxi, First 236; Biloxi, Second 17; Crane 1; Gulfport, First 554; Fernwood 39; Gulfport, East Side 45; Gulfport, Grace Memorial 88; Handsboro 41; Long Beach 77; Mississippi City 2; New Hope 29; Pass Christian 50; Sharon 1; West Gulfport 20; Woolmarket 7.

McPHEETERS ACCEPTS CENTER HILL PASTORATE

Center Hill Church, Monroe County, has called Rev. Bernard McPheeters as pastor. He is with them on the first and third Sundays and is with Elam Church in Clarke County on the second and fourth Sundays. Center Hill has an active WMU and plans are underway to organize a Training Union in the near future. The first week in August has been set aside for their revival.

The following finance committee has been appointed to draw up a church budget: Newt House, J. C. Holb, David Grant, J. C. Pinnix, Roy Fairchild, Bernell Smith, Houston Pace, John Allen Cockerman, and Marvin Taylor.

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MRS. ROSA BALTHROPE

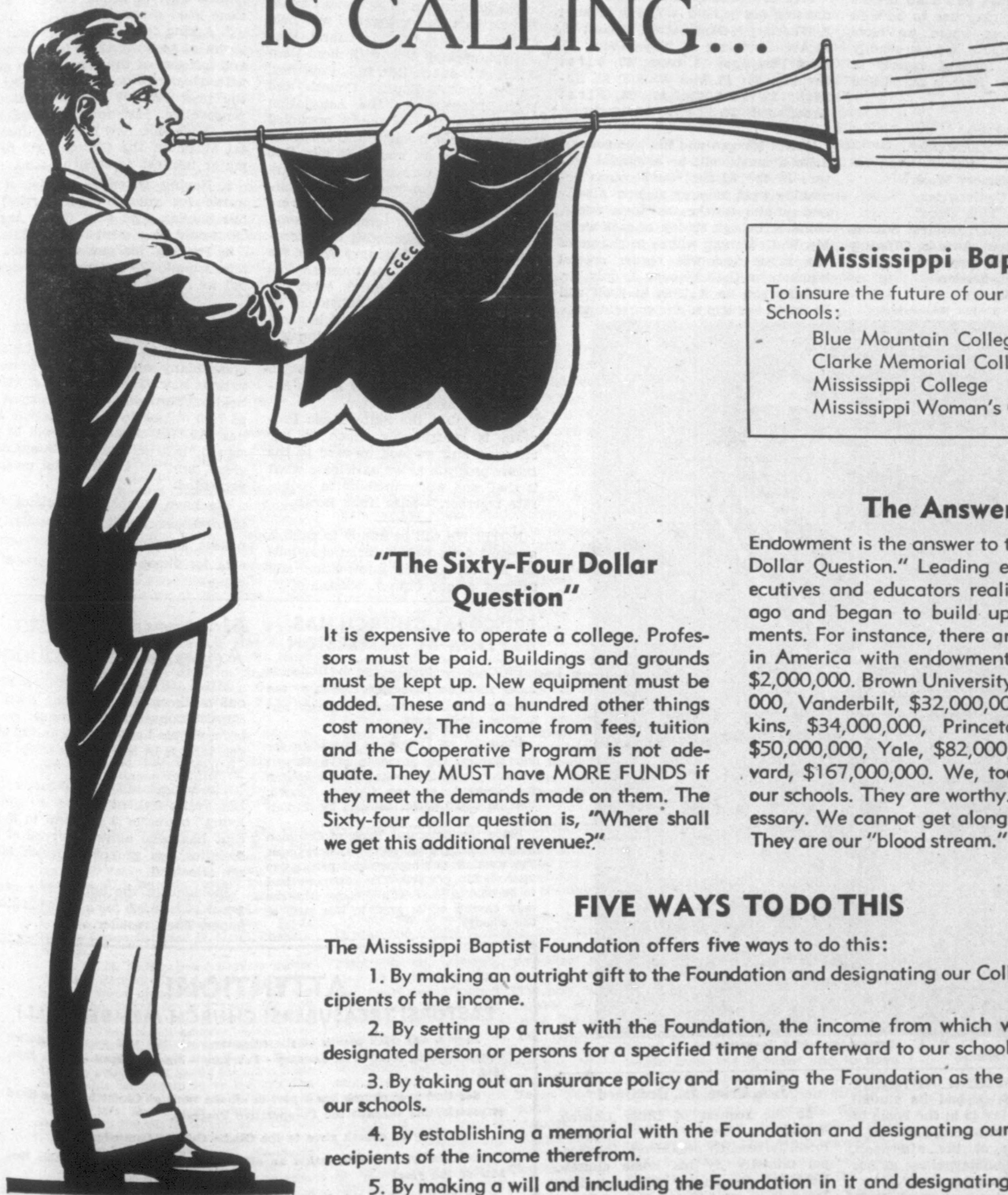
On May 5 at 2:15 a. m. Mrs. Rosa Balthrope went home to be with her Lord. She had been a devoted Christian for more than half a century, whereas, our loving heavenly Father with all his tender mercies looked down upon a group of his children and realized that there was one who has served him faithfully for a long time and was in line for a promotion. When he called her to join the heavenly family, she was ready to answer that call, as she had always been to whatever other calls he had extended to her.

Be it resolved that we as members of the Big Ridge Baptist church Biloxi, bow in submissive surrender to the will of Him who doeth all things well whereas, we know that it is impossible for us to sympathize completely and to really share the burden of the hearts of those loved ones left behind and knowing that we too have suffered great loss. Be it resolved that we commend them to the greatest of all comfortors and that we express to them our heart felt sympathy and love in this hour of sadness, whereas, the members of Big Ridge Baptist Church realize that the Master has only transferred to another field of service a willing heart.

Be it resolved that each member of the church recognize and accept his share of the additional responsibility in re-enforcing the break made in the circle of humble and prayerful followers of the Master in his will on earth, whereas, we wish all groups with whom she had association to be informed of our feelings as a church toward this loss which we have sustained. Be it resolved that copies of these resolutions be sent to the family and the Baptist Record and spread upon the minutes of the Big Ridge Baptist church.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. E. KELLY
MRS. L. C. BARNETT
MRS. J. C. WEST

Mississippi Baptist Foundation IS CALLING...



Mississippi Baptists

To insure the future of our Baptist Schools:

Blue Mountain College
Clarke Memorial College
Mississippi College
Mississippi Woman's College

"The Sixty-Four Dollar Question"

It is expensive to operate a college. Professors must be paid. Buildings and grounds must be kept up. New equipment must be added. These and a hundred other things cost money. The income from fees, tuition and the Cooperative Program is not adequate. They MUST have MORE FUNDS if they meet the demands made on them. The Sixty-four dollar question is, "Where shall we get this additional revenue?"

The Answer!

Endowment is the answer to the "Sixty-Four Dollar Question." Leading economists, executives and educators realized this years ago and began to build up huge endowments. For instance, there are 175 colleges in America with endowments in excess of \$2,000,000. Brown University has \$12,000,000, Vanderbilt, \$32,000,000, Johns-Hopkins, \$34,000,000, Princeton University, \$50,000,000, Yale, \$82,000,000 and Harvard, \$167,000,000. We, too, must endow our schools. They are worthy. They are necessary. We cannot get along without them. They are our "blood stream."

FIVE WAYS TO DO THIS

The Mississippi Baptist Foundation offers five ways to do this:

1. By making an outright gift to the Foundation and designating our Colleges as the recipients of the income.
2. By setting up a trust with the Foundation, the income from which will go to some designated person or persons for a specified time and afterward to our schools.
3. By taking out an insurance policy and naming the Foundation as the beneficiary for our schools.
4. By establishing a memorial with the Foundation and designating our schools as the recipients of the income therefrom.
5. By making a will and including the Foundation in it and designating these colleges as the beneficiaries.

Let us help you to help
our schools. Write now!

DR. B. C. LAND, Executive Secretary
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BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

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Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson

Bring the entire family to the District Training Union Convention
From all accounts the District Conventions this year are going to be the best we have had in the twenty seven years we have been having them. Host churches have issued an urgent invitation to all churches to be well represented. Those whom we have asked to participate have readily agreed, we look forward eagerly to these three weeks. Here is an outline of the program.

Afternoon—

- 1:30—Praise Service.
 - 1:45—Message "Follow Me".
 - 2:00—Story Hour Bible Stories
 - 2:15—Junior Memory Work
 - 2:30—Graded Conferences
 - 4:00—"Answer This One!"
 - 4:40—Adult Human Interest Stories
 - 5:10—Committees, Awards, Offering
 - 5:30—Recess and Supper
- Evening — Youth Session
- 7:00—Praise Service
 - 7:15—Training Union Ensembles.

- 8:00—Young People's Speaking
- 8:20—Report of Committees
- 8:30—Adjournment

Revised list of place of meeting of the District Conventions

Figures represent dates in June the meeting will be held — 7, New Albany; 8, Wheeler; 9, Okolona; 10, Macon; 11, 41 Ave. Meridian; 14, Waynesboro; 15, First Picayune; 16, Goss; 17, First Brookhaven; 18, Van Winkle; 21, Raleigh; 22, First Canton; 23, First Greenwood; 24, Shelby; 25, Marks.

W. C. Morgan and his trombone

Good music will be a special feature in the District Conventions beginning next Monday at New Albany and running for the next three weeks, Monday through Friday, of each week. Mr. W. C. Morgan will be in charge of the music and will render special numbers on the trombone as only Mr. Morgan can do it. This in itself will be worth the trip to the convention.



W. C. Morgan and His Trombone

BELHAVEN SPRING RETREAT

Belhaven B. S. U. had its annual Spring Retreat May 15 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reed Moore, Jackson:

Guest speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. Catherine Holliday, chose as her subject, "Let Go and Let God."

Definite plans for next year's B. S. U. were made by the B. S. U. Committee and with organization Committees. Prayermates were chosen and special emphasis was placed on prayer.

The Belhaven girls and Mrs. Moore prepared a delicious meal which was served on the lawn.

J. A. Price, Jr., Ordained

At the request of Unity Church, Pascagoula, Rev. John Alphonso Price, Jr. recently ordained to the Gospel ministry by his home church, Hereford Church in Maryland. Bro. Price is a student at New Orleans Seminary and has been called as pastor of Unity Church, Pascagoula.

Rev. Edwin W. Saylor, pastor of Hereford Church, brought the sermon, Deacon Allen Foster presented the Bible, and Rev. B. Finney Bragg delivered the charge.



Department of Church Music

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JONES COUNTY ASSOCIATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

The following report of the Jones County Associational Music Festival was received from the Secretary of that music association: "The Jones County Associational Music Festival was held at First Baptist Church, Laurel, Mississippi, on May 16th with more than 200 in attendance. Rev. H. L. Courtney, Pastor Beacon Baptist Church and Music Director for the Association presided. A fine spirit prevailed throughout the meeting and much interest shown as many of our fine young people participated in the various contests sponsored by the organizations of our churches. There were contestants in every group sponsored by each organization with the exception of Woman's Missionary Union. We feel that just such meetings as this will challenge every church, every organization and every individual in using that talent which God has entrusted to them in strengthening the music program in our churches.

Bro. Courtney is doing a great job as he leads in this county as the Associational Music Director.

We feel that the State Music Program is contributing much to our churches and we look forward to the future program as we anticipate what it shall and will contribute to cooperate together."—Miss Ruby Booth.

NOTE: We will be happy to publish a report from your associational music festival for the information and interest of our Church Musicians.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH HAS BAPTISM BY IMMERSION

CHICAGO —(RNS)— For the first time in 53 years an Episcopal church of the diocese of Chicago had a baptism service by total immersion.

Recently, an 11-year-old boy Louis Allen Rogers, the grandson of a Baptist minister, told the pastor of his church in Lombard, another Chicago suburb, that he would prefer baptism by immersion.

Since the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer does permit either immersion or the usual sprinkling method permission was readily granted. The ceremony had to be held in St. John's because it is the only church of its kind in this part of the country.

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3. Having an entire evening of all music for your worship service? A 5th Sunday (the next one is August 29) would be a good time for this.

4. Praying for our music work in Mississippi? We are making progress but we have a long way to go.

RIDGECREST MUSIC WEEK

August 19-29 is music week at Ridgecrest. Many will want to make reservations now. The first session will be held on Thursday evening, August 19, at 7:00 o'clock in the Auditorium Annex. At this time classes will be assigned, instructions and information given, and an inspirational program presented.

We have pamphlets available with information about the faculty, expenses, schedules, private instruction, etc., for those who are interested in going.

Northern Baptists Adopt Record Budget

MILWAUKEE, Wis. —(RNS)— Without a dissenting vote, the Northern Baptist Convention, in annual session here, adopted a \$7,500,000 unified budget, largest in the history of the Convention.

The budget is \$1,400,000 larger than last year's unified budget. A "cost of living" bonus of 8 per cent to 10 per cent has been allowed several of the societies and groups to which funds are allocated.

Included in the budget is a special grant of \$200,000 for a denominational paper, The Crusader.

ATTENTION!

PASTORS! TREASURERS! CHURCH MEMBERS ALL!

June is the sixth month of the calendar year. We will soon be printing figures showing receipts for January - February - March - April - May - June, 1948.

See that your church has a part in all the work of Christ by being listed as contributing through the Co-operative Program.

See that your church gives to the Clarke College Campaign.

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Sparks & Splinters

Beaumont Church has recently organized a church choir composed of the following: Minnie B. Freeman, Ester Vee Churchwell; Mrs. Mary Mathis, Mrs. Laura Overstreet, Diana Bolton, Elise Smith, Emma C. Martin, Carolyn Owen, Katie Ruth Freeman, Maxine Bolton, Willie Ray Webb, Dora Ann Dunkley, and Mary Ruth Taylor. Mary Sue Mathis is the pianist and Joe W. Pully is the choir director.

After serving two years as chaplain in the 7th Infantry Division, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Alvie L. McKnight will be among those to leave Korea late in May. His next assignment will be at Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan. Mississippians will remember Chaplain McKnight as a 1934 graduate of Mississippi College.

Mt. Zion Church, located 5 miles east of Osyka, is building a \$5,000 parsonage. Rev. Paul Hawkins is pastor.

Rev. C. Y. Dossey, Assistant Superintendent of Evangelism for the Home Mission Board, has recently led in two revival campaigns. The first campaign was a simultaneous one in District Nine in Texas. There were 109 churches participating, with 1968 additions to the churches, 1112 on profession of faith. The second campaign was with Rev. James E. Carroll and the first Southern Baptist Church of Fresno, California. In this revival there were 59 additions to the church, with 34 coming on profession of faith.

Mrs. William Still recently sent some additional subscriptions to be added to the EVERY FAMILY List of the Mount Zion Church, Lauderdale County.

The First Baptist Church of Hollandale, Rev. William P. Davis, pastor, is planning a Youth Revival, June 20-27. Workers will be: John Boozer, Mississippi Southern; George Truett Boyd, Mississippi College; Miss Jane Alexander, M. S. C. W.; Miss Faye Haire, Blue Mountain College and Frank Hart Smith, Mississippi College.

First Church, Gulfport and First Church, Vicksburg, are both growing and aiding the Baptist Record in its effort to reach the 62,000 mark in circulation. Recently 38 additional names were received for the Gulfport EVERY FAMILY plan and 19 from Vicksburg.

EDINBURGH—(RNS)—Two Scottish church bodies have criticized Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh for a "regrettable example" in attending the races, a theater and a night club on Sunday during their recent four-day visit to Paris.

Recent visitors in the office of The Baptist Record are as follows: Rev. E. C. Edwards, McComb; Rev. Clyde Jones, Clinton; Rev. Percy M. Cooper, Baton Rouge, La.; Rev. J. J. Burson, Shelby; Rev. Marcus Alexander, Prentiss; Bob Canzoneri, Clinton; Dr. W. R. Cooper, Jackson; Rev. Leonard Holloway, Clinton; Rev. E. L. Howell, Foxworth; Paul W. Davis, Phoenix, Arizona.

Rev. E. M. Daffin has retired as pastor of Union Baptist Church, Grand Bay, Alabama, because of age and health. He has served the church for 10½ years. Mr. and Mrs. Daffin will move to their home at Wesson. The church adopted complimentary resolutions for Mr. and Mrs. Daffin. The resolutions called attention to Pastor Daffin's active work in the Vacation Bible School, his leadership in re-building the pastors' home and his faithfulness in visiting Mrs. Daffin was commended for her work in the W. M. U. and as principal of the V. B. S. for 10 consecutive years.

Rev. W. Lowrey Compere, Northside Baptist Church, Jackson, will do the preaching, and Rev. Joe Walters of Mississippi College will lead the singing in the Revival at Centerville June 13-20.

Rev. R. A. Chute whose address is Box 13, Medora, Illinois, would like to move to Mississippi because doctors advised him to take his wife to a milder climate. Mr. Chute has eight years experience as a pastor and three years as an evangelist. He is a college and seminary man and the father of two children. Mrs. Chute is a trained soloist. Any church interested may write him at the above address.

Mrs. Glover Elected Educational Secretary at Clinton



MRS. EDGAR GLOVER

Mrs. Edgar Glover has been elected educational secretary of Clinton Church. She began her work on June 1.

Mrs. Glover, who is the former Irma Mae Murray of Kosciusko, is a graduate of Mississippi College and was active in Christian service while a student there. She has served as church secretary at LaBelle Church in Memphis and as student secretary at Pearl River Junior College, Perkins-ton.

She succeeds Herbert Batson, who has served as educational secretary for the past three years while a student in the college. Mr. Batson will graduate on June 7 and be married on June 8 to Miss Agnes Matthews, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He has been called as educational director of the Olivet Church, Oklahoma City.

First Baptist Church of Jackson has a chartered Tri-State bus going to Ridgecrest for the Sunday School Conference June 24-30, with 5 vacant seats. If you have a reservation at Ridgecrest and would like transportation on this bus call the First Baptist Church immediately. The bus will leave the church at 6:30 on June 23rd and will return July 1st.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the 19th annual session of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona which met at Phoenix November 4-6, 1947.

Under the direction of Misses Lucile Grogan and Gladys Clements, the Young People's Training Union Department of First Church, Jackson, presented on May 28 a comedy-drama entitled, "An Old Fashioned Mother." This play, by Walter Ben Hare, is a parable of a mother's love triumphant over the ingratitude and neglect of her children and is based on the story of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. The cast consisted of the following: Sue Tatum, Alene Johnson, Julia Reese, Telma Ashley, Ernestine Cooper, Ruth Ashley, Schuyler Batson, John W. Jenkins, Jr., and Eddie Watson. The village choir was composed of Frances Pierce, Susanna Wright, Jackie Hewitt, Charles Smith, Charles Prouty, and Freda Gillaspay. James Herring furnished appropriate music between acts. Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins is pastor.

The Los Angeles presbytery has named five ministers and four laymen to try the Rev. S. P. MacLennan, Presbyterian minister who married Lana Turner and Henry Topping. Under Presbyterian law, a clergyman cannot marry divorced persons before a year after divorce.

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Actual Occurrences at the 1948 Session of the Legislature Concerning the Infamous Black Market Tax

The first bill for repeal of the infamous Black Market Tax was introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. William C. Thompson, Scott County, as soon as that Chamber was organized for business. This repeal bill was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee by the newly elected Speaker, Walter Siller, Bolivar County. Senator Robert E. L. Gentry, 4th District (Simpson - Covington Counties) introduced a champion bill for repeal in the Senate one week later.

The House Ways and Means Committee, consisting of twenty - nine members of the House who were appointed by the new speaker, refused to act on the bill introduced by Rep. Thompson. Upon the expiration of twenty legislative days from the date of the introduction of the repeal bill, Rep. Thompson and Rep. John Vir-den, Hinds County, made a motion in writing under House Rule 98 to withdraw the bill from the committee and to bring it up for consideration by the members of the House. Rep. Hilton Waits, Washington County called a session of the committee. The committee reported the bill with a recommendation "Do Not Pass." This recommendation had the effect of killing the bill and to prevent its consideration by the members of the legislature.

Subsequent to the above action, the Senate acted on the Gentry bill which had been reported from the Senate Finance Committee by a vote for repeal of more than the required three-fifths. The bill was forwarded to the House of Representatives and was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee. Upon the expiration of twenty legislative days, the committee reported the Gentry bill with a recommendation "Do Not Pass." This report again prevented the consideration of the repeal bill by the members of the House. Upon such action, Rep. Kenneth Stewart, Amite County and Rep. Tommie Waits, Calhoun County, members of the committee, made a minority report with the recommendation "Do Pass." This minority report was placed at the heel of the House Calendar as required by the House Rules.

The out-spoken foes of the Black Market Tax began an active fight on April 9, the day before adjournment which had been set for 6 o'clock April 10th, to bring the minority report before the House for vote. The fight consisted of an attempt to secure recognition from the Speaker and to have rules suspended for the consideration of the bill. Failing in their efforts to obtain recognition from the Speaker, they sought and obtained the efforts of several members who favored repeal, but who were not out spoken advocates. Among these were Rep. Lowell Grisham, Tishomingo County, Rep. George Grubbs, Simpson County, Rep. Maurice Black, Carroll County, Rep. D. Moon and L. J. Denson, Rankin County and others. Their efforts to secure recognition failed.

One hour before the time set for adjournment, April 10, Rep. Thompson approached the Speaker with the

following question, "What about recognizing one of us?" The Speaker asked "For what purpose?" Rep. Thompson replied, "To bring up the minority report on the Black Market Tax." The Speaker replied, "Mr. Grisham has been trying to get the floor for two hours, I'm going to recognize the Gentleman from Tishomingo County for that purpose."

At 10 minutes after 6 o'clock, Speaker Walter Sillers recognized the Gentleman from Tishomingo County, Mr. Grisham. The House had previously adjourned at 6 o'clock.

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W. B. ALLEN

W. B. Allen, deacon and Sunday School superintendent of Goodwater Church, Lauderdale County, recently died. He was one of the most faithful members. Among the many responsibilities of the church that he accepted was the building of fires in the winter.

He will be long remembered as one who always stood for the right.

Goodwater Sunday School
By C. B. LEE

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Baptist Head Asks Civilian Commission for Peace Talks

MILWAUKEE, Wis. —(RNS)— Appointment by the United States Government of "an able civilian commission to enter into peace conversations with Russia," was urged here by Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, Syracuse, N. Y., president of the Northern Baptist Convention.

In a keynote address to 5,000 Baptists at the Convention's annual sessions, Dr. Dahlberg said such a commission would avoid leaving "the fate of the nation solely in the hands of the military."

He expressed agreement with John Foster Dulles, former United States delegate to the United Nations, that a "department of non-military defense" is needed in Washington, D. C.

"It is highly important," he said, "that we restore our national destinies to civilian control. There should be a powerful crusade for world peace on every front: the United Nations, world government, education, labor, industry and religion."

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Mississippi Calendar of Prayer

- June 7 — Mrs. E. L. Dildy, Clerk, Book-keeping Department, Baptist Building; Tommy Boswell, State BSU Ridgecrest representative.
- June 8 — Intermediate R. A. Camp, Camp Garaywa; Annie Vera Oden, State BSU extension chairman.
- June 9 — Mrs. E. M. Elsey, Dean of Women, Mississippi College; Student Retreat at Ridgecrest; Leta Wells, State BSU reporter.
- June 10 — W. G. Mize, Superintendent, Baptist Orphanage; Charla Walters, State BSU talent chairman.
- June 11 — Mrs. W. L. Johnson, French Instructor, Woman's College; Anne Clark, State BSU Magazine representative.
- June 12 — Miss Zadeen Walton, Secretary, Clarke Memorial College; Rev. R. A. Morris, State BSU Pastor-Adviser.
- June 13 — T. Z. Brown, president, district 5 Brotherhood.

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Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport, Rev. P. S. Dodge, pastor, is planning a revival June 13-23. Rev. William Swinson will be the preacher.

40 & 25 Years Ago

By Dr. J. L. Boyds Sr.
40 YEARS AGO

Dr. A. V. Rowe announced that Mississippi was second in number of messengers at the Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs, Texas 212, Mississippi 190.

Pastor E. T. Mobberly said that in their recent revival meeting at Booneville fifty were added to the church rolls.

A terrible cyclone razed the Purvis Baptist church house to the grounds as shown by a picture of the scene. Assistance was asked to rebuild.

25 YEARS AGO

Hillman College had been recently purchased by Prof. M. P. L. Berry and he was to be president.

Rev. W. M. Bostick had recently assisted pastor J. A. Barnhill in a revival meeting at Sumner in which 26 were added to the church.

The largest check that probably every came to the Convention Board on the \$75 Million Campaign pledges was that of \$56,000 from the Leland Baptist church on May 1.

Prof. J. R. Hitt had recently had Rev. G. W. Riley with him in a revival meeting with the New Salem church, Hinds County.

The Clinton Baptist church was the scene of a beautiful wedding recently when Dr. and Mrs. P. I. Lipsey gave in marriage their only daughter, Julia Frances, to O. Steele, of Monticello.

Rev. A. F. Wells, who announced his retirement as pastor of Gun Grove Church some weeks ago, has moved to Jackson and is available for supply work. His address is Route 1, Box 349-C, and his phone number is 3-2951.

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Southern Baptist Convention

Mississippi Baptists should be especially grateful to God for Chester Swor. Of all the messages we heard at the Convention, his on "Our Youth and the World Tomorrow" was the most challenging and significant. In this we are of the same opinion as our beloved pastor, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins.

The Convention this year was great in many ways—great in size; great in program content; great in leadership; great in spiritual power. Yet our principal impression was that, despite our numerical and financial gains, which we are inclined to boast about, we as a denomination have failed. When we have fewer foreign missionaries than several smaller denominations, when 30 to 40 million people in our Convention territory are lost, when our institutions continue often to lack in the equipment necessary to provide training commensurate with that of our public and some private institutions, when most of our members do not even tithe, when many of our denominational agencies are hampered by lack of funds, would anyone dare try to prove that we have succeeded in the task God has given us to do? It is high time, in our opinion, that we quit bragging about what we have done and consider shamefacedly what we have failed to do. Only thus shall we be challenged to quit the shallow waters near the shore and to launch out into the deep, as commanded by our Lord. Yes, Southern Baptists have thus far failed, and the sooner we realize this, the better it will be for us and for the cause of Christ. As Dr. J. B. Gambrell, we believe it was, once said: "Baptists are many but not much." If he had seen the large number of Baptists streaming out of Ellis

Auditorium during Dr. Pettigrew's graphic description of the crucifixion of our Saviour, he would probably have repeated that statement.

One other impression, as epitomized in Dr. Perry Webb's statement to one of our denominational leaders during the discussion of the correlation of our church activities: "This is your mammy talking to you," meaning that the Southern Baptist Convention, representing every Baptist church and member, is far greater than the Sunday School Board, college, or seminary, or the BSU, BTU, Sunday School, WMU, Brotherhood, and so on. We need to realize, anew perhaps, that our churches and we church members are the final authority in our denominational life. Our boards, agencies and organizations should ever be subordinate and subsidiary to and should magnify always the church which our Lord purchased with His own blood!

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(All of our people will be interested in the successors to Miss Mallory and Miss Mather. We hope later to have pictures of these two new secretaries but wanted you to know them. Theirs is a great heritage and they are worthy of the trust placed in them. E. R.)

NEW SOUTHWIDE W. M. U. SECRETARIES

Miss Alma Hunt was elected at Memphis on May 18 as executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. Miss Hunt was born and reared in Roanoke, Virginia, where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Otis Hunt, are faithful and esteemed members of the First Baptist Church. After receiving her B. S. degree from Virginia State Teachers' College at Farmville, Miss Hunt taught in the public schools of Roanoke until in the fall of 1944 she became dean of women at William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri. In the summer of 1947 Miss Hunt completed the necessary graduate work in the Department of Personnel Administration at Teachers' College of Columbia University and received her M. A. degree. In addition to these scholastic and otherwise cultural qualifications, Miss Hunt has been taught in the church life of Roanoke and of Liberty and in the Y. W. A. Camp at Ridgcrest the joy and privilege of Christian activities; in all such she has happily and most capably participated.

Miss Margaret Bruce was elected at Memphis on May 18 as young people's secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. She was born at Brotherhood, Tennessee, but most of her youth was spent in nearby Martin and Jackson, Tennessee. Thus she had the opportunity of one year's study in the University of Tennessee Junior College at Martin and another year at Union University at Jackson. After graduation from the W. M. U. Training School in 1931, Miss Bruce entered Georgetown College in Kentucky from which she received her A. B. degree the following year. While studying for this degree Miss Bruce served at the college so finely in the capacity of part-time student secretary that she was promoted to full-time service. From there in 1934 Miss Bruce was still further promoted to the position of young people's secretary of Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union. And now the larger field of service has been entered by her agreeing to become southwide W. M. U. young people's secretary. As in the experience of Miss Hunt, even so has Miss Bruce learned through church membership to be exceptionally happy and helpful in the various activities of local church life.

It is readily realized that these young women cannot immediately relinquish their present responsibilities but they expect by the early fall to assume their new duties at the Birmingham office. Heartily will they be welcomed there even as they can be assured that throughout the bounds of Woman's Missionary Union they will have the grateful cooperation and prayers of the constituency.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

W. M. S. Bogue Chitto, Pike Association reports a new missionary society. The W. M. S. of McComb First Baptist Church fostered this organization. There were 5 subscribers to Royal Service at the organization meeting, with several others planning to subscribe. They plan to meet as a "family" every other Wednesday night, the Brotherhood, W. M. S. and young people — have prayer meeting as the closing of the period.

Shady Grove, Pontotoc Association. Mrs. W. L. Carpenter the W. M. U. Supt. of Pontotoc Association reports a splendid new organization with 18 members. Mrs. Flora Sneed was elected President. An impressive installation service was held.

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THE MACON W. M. S.

The Macon W. M. S., with their invited guests, the Concord W. M. S. and Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Junkins, had a wonderful missionary program meeting with forty-one attending — on May 10th.

Mrs. H. S. Clark, program leader for the afternoon, had devoted much time in thought, in study, in prayer and in preparation. This meeting took on added interest too, being the Commemoration Month of sixty years of "Laboring together."

Even the room arrangement seemed to lend itself beautifully to the importance of the occasion. At vantage points were red gladioli, red roses and amargallis. On the speaker's table were the large outline letters, W. M. U.

On the flannel board at the completion of the program was the emblem of the W. M. U. pin. Each speaker focused attention on the W. M. U. watchword, "Laborers Together with God." (I Corinthians 3:9).

Rev. T. L. Junkins, pastor of Elam and Concord churches gave a splendid devotional, after which the following women of Circle II appeared on the program: Mrs. J. C. Gates, Mrs. Paul Webb, Mrs. J. L. Keans, Jr., President of the Macon W. M. U., Mrs. L. L. Martin, and Mrs. Frank Hurst. Special music was provided by Mrs. E. B. Leuter and Mrs. L. B. Morris with Mrs. J. K. Baker, Jr., at the piano.

Concord women were one hundred per cent in attendance which was an inspiration.

Appealing individual invitations had been mailed each W. M. S. member and lovely programs were given at the meeting, using the colorful May flowers and a miniature picture of "The Anselus."

A fuller, richer, deeper meaning of the W. M. U. watch word and working together in our Denomination was gained.

Rev. R. D. Pearson is the beloved pastor of this group.

Mrs. O. U. Jones

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Our Weekly Unsigned Card

We print, exactly as received, information concerning the Sunday School attendance for some church sent in by somebody.

The card reads, "The attendance of our Sunday School for May 23rd was 83 present and for B. T. U. was 37. The secretary."

Paul Harwood Ordained



REV. PAUL HARWOOD

Rev. Paul Harwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Harwood of Houka, was ordained to the Gospel ministry recently. Rev. R. B. Patterson, Pontotoc, delivered the ordination sermon. His father, J. O. Harwood who has served as Sunday School superintendent at Houka Church for a long time, had the honor of serving on the examining council, along with the following: Rev. D. D. Satterwhite, Houston, chairman; Rev. Henning Andrews, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; G. C. Ruth, Houka; A. G. Shepherd, Houston; and Rev. S. P. Andrews.

Mr. Harwood is a student at Union University, Jackson, Tennessee.

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C. P. JONES RESIGNS PAUL TRUITT MEMORIAL

Rev. Clyde P. Jones has resigned the pastorate at Paul Truitt Memorial, Rankin County, to accept New Zion Church, near Kentwood, Louisiana.

Paul Truitt Memorial was organized September, 1947, following a tent revival. The membership has grown from 27 to 97, with 6 letters already granted. Thirty-four of the 97 have been by baptism.

While Bro. Jones was pastor, he assisted Rev. Richard A. Miller in organizing Ridgeland Church. He is from Jacksonville, Florida, and plans to re-enter the New Orleans Seminary following his graduation from Mississippi College June 7.

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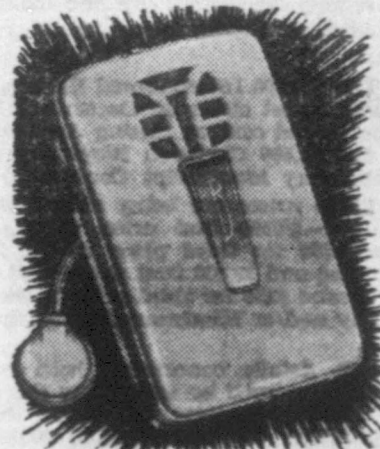
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Suggests Internship For Young Ministers

BY JOE L. JOLLY

While visiting last week in two of our institutions of higher learning, talking to some of the students there, and coming face to face with some of the facts that confront them in their field of work I was prompted to write these few lines in their behalf.

In contacting these young ministerial students, one finds how eager they are to launch out on broader fields of Christian work. Dr. Greene, president of Clarke College, said that we give them their basic training here but the fundamental training has to be obtained elsewhere. We send our young doctors and nurses to large hospitals for intern work so that they might have a higher conception of how to minister to our physical bodies.

Why not intern our young ministers in our larger churches so that they might have a broader view of church work and be better prepared to minister to our spiritual needs which are of utmost importance in our lives.

Our young ministerial students would welcome such an opportunity during their summer vacation to go into our larger churches to gain the experience which will be so vital to them when they finish their college and seminary work.

In order for these young students to obtain this experience, our larger churches could set aside a stipulated sum in their budget each year and thereby get a great blessing in helping our young ministers in a way that could not be counted in dollars and cents.

Editor's Note: Okolona Church, where Mr. Jolly is a deacon is doing as suggested above. They have called a Clarke College student, Jimmie Lawrence.

CENTREVILLE DEDICATES MEMORIAL BAPTISTRY

New Annex Nears Completion

On Sunday, May 16, the Centreville Baptist Church observed "Dr. and Mrs. Tull's Day," highlighted in the morning worship service with the dedication of the recently completed raised baptistry. A painting of the Jordan River forms a fitting and beautiful background.

This painting is a gift to the church from 10 young ladies, and it was given as a memorial to Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Tull. Dr. Tull served the church as pastor for several years prior to his death in 1939. A distinguished servant of God, Dr. Tull was active in the ministry for 50 years. Mrs. Tull, who died in 1944, served as counsellor of the Girls' Auxiliary during her stay in Centreville. Her life was an inspiration to those who know her, and it was the memory of many happy hours spent in the company of the Tulls when the young ladies were G. A.'s that prompted them to give this memorial.

The eighty-fourth Psalm was sung by Rev. Joe Walters, accompanied by Mrs. Walters who is a member of the group making the memorial. The baptistry scene was presented to the church by Mrs. Joe Schlatter in behalf of the group. Rev. James Southerland, a former pastor of the Centreville church, led the dedicatory prayer. The pastor, Rev. A. A. Ward, brought the message using a favorite text of Dr. Tull's, the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah.

This new baptistry is a part of the annex the church is building. The work on the annex and on remodeling the auditorium is nearing completion.

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A few years ago when W. O. Carver was retiring from the Southern Baptist Seminary faculty, he spoke in the chapel to the student body of that great institution. The great teacher did not talk about his work at the seminary or about his retirement, but selected as his theme "How I Use My Bible." . . . D. Swan Haworth in *The Sunday School Builder*.



Non-Resident Pastor Receives More Than Resident Pastor

BY REV. S. J. RHODES

I just looked in the Associational minutes of Pearl River County to see what ten churches are doing for pastors salaries. My main reason was to see how much per day the churches are paying their pastors. All these ten churches are full time, country churches. Five of them have resident pastors, and five of them last year had pastors not living on the fields.

The five resident pastors received an average salary of \$2,518.70 for the year. I am supposing that these men put in 312 days working on their church fields. Their wives also gave full time on the fields. Then for the pastor and his wife, and their car, they received about \$8.05 per day.

The five non resident pastors received an average salary of \$1,927.89 for the year. I suppose they worked their fields half as much as the resident pastor, or 156 days. (However we have not seen this much work by a non-resident pastor). On this basis then, the non-resident pastor received for his work \$12.35 per day. This is \$4.30 per day more than the church having a non-resident pastor is paying than the church having a full time pastor on the field.

One of these ten churches has corrected this and now has a pastor who is working seven days a week for the church, and it is not only costing the church less than half the amount per day for services, but is paying off in spiritual results. Why not more churches look into the matter of having a pastor every day in the week?

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Zondervan Sponsors Two Writing Contests

Tremendous interest is being expressed in the two Christian literary contests being currently sponsored by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The \$10,000 International Christian Fiction Contest closes on December 31, 1948. The second contest, closing April 30, 1949, is the \$2,500 Christian Biography and/or Missionary Manuscript Contest.

Three prizes are being offered in each contest—\$7,500 first prize, \$2,000 second and \$500 for third place in the Fiction Contest and \$2,000 first prize, \$350 second prize and \$150 for third prize in the Biography and/or Missionary Manuscript contest.

Full details concerning both contests may be secured by addressing the editors of the two contests, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids 2, Michigan.

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The cost of Christian discipleship involves more than the renunciation of self. When discipleship ends with self-denial, then Christianity becomes a negative religion and prepares the way for asceticism. But Christianity is a way of life concerned chiefly with the positive response that one is to make to the social situation in which he lives. Discipleship means not only the employing of self but also bearing of a cross. "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross." — Rollin S. Burhans in *The Baptist Training Union Magazine*.

HOLLAND HAS BUSY DAY IN RIO DE JANEIRO

By C. Z. Holland

My first Sunday on the mission field was a delightful experience. Bro. W. E. Allen, acting president of the Rio Baptist Seminary and Professor of Greek in this seminary, together with Bro. Alvin Hatton, most recently arrived missionary of this field, directed the day's activities. I visited seven churches, preached twice and spoke at the opening assembly of one Sunday school.

The first church we visited was Tijuca. The former pastor of this church was Dr. A. R. Crabtree, president of the Seminary, now on furlough in the United States. The present pastor is Rev. David Gomes, a recent graduate of the Southwestern Seminary. Sunday school at this church began at 8:45. There were between 200 and 300 present.

We visited the Meyer Church and were greeted by the Sunday School Superintendent, Neutel Bastos. The Sunday school attendance averages 450. They have a new building which is incomplete. Dr. Joe M. Pinto is the pastor.

The third church we visited was Engenho de Dentro; and I had the privilege of speaking to the Sunday school. Two seminary students assist the pastor, Dr. Pitrowsky, who is a German and was a member of the first graduating class of the Rio Seminary.

At the First Baptist Church of Thomas Coelho, I had the privilege of preaching for the pastor, Rev. J. J. Cowser, acting director of the Baptist Publishing House and Bible Press. The director, Dr. T. B. Stover, is now on furlough. Brother Allen was my interpreter. This small church employs a full-time nurse who ministers to the people of the community through a clinic adjoining the church and through visiting in the homes.

On Sunday night I preached at the Itacurussa church, usually referred to as the "college church," as seminary, college and training school students worship there. Several of the missionaries were in attendance at the service. Again Brother Allen, who is the pastor of this church, was my interpreter. John Douglas Allen, a lad of sixteen, from Borger, Texas, made a talk at the closing assembly of the Training Union.

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NEW YORK — "Community Help on Pastoral Problems," a report dealing with concrete ways in which ministers in both urban and rural communities may make more effective use of health and welfare resources in their communities to help meet the particular needs of parishioners, has been published by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ

Baptists Launch Scholarship Program

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — (RNS) — A \$600,000 national scholarship program to aid Baptist young people obtain a college education was inaugurated at the annual sessions of the Northern Baptist convention here.

Fifty youths were given cash awards, by proxy, which range in value from \$200 to \$2,000 for four years. The denomination's scholarship program is expected to reach the \$1,000,000 mark within the next few years.

Nominations for the scholarship awards were made last summer when Northern Baptist pastors designated more than 900 Baptist young men and women as possible recipients. Extensive testing and interviewing followed for the selection of the final 50 to receive the awards. The recipients will be known as the "Northern Baptist Scholars of 1948".

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MILWAUKEE, Wis. — (RNS) — Mounting living costs have created a "critical problem" in the award of grants and pensions to pastors, the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board reported to the Northern Baptist Convention here. According to the board, it has already increased the amounts given to ministers or their widows living in the most restricted circumstances. A total of 730 persons were aided by direct grants and 336 indirectly through mission societies and other organizations, it was announced. Total expenditures for such relief, the board added, came to about \$180,000. Of this sum, more than \$64,000 was supplied directly from Northern Baptist Convention churches through their annual communion offerings. Next year, the board said, it expects about \$200,000 for this purpose.

The messages in Dr. Maier's book, "Let Us Return Unto The Lord" (\$2) are scripturally based and Holy Spirit inspired. They are against sin, calculated to destroy the works of the Devil and rescue man from his bondage. They exalt Jesus as Saviour of men and Lord of life and the only hope for this sin cursed earth. They are rich with illustrative material. Every preacher should read this book, and if he does, he will know better what to preach and how in this sinful age. Orders should be sent to the Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo., or to the Baptist Book Store.

The Rev. William E. McManus of the National Catholic Welfare Conference told the Catholic Press Association in Cleveland, "By denying tax funds to parochial schools our government has refused to allow parents to exercise their right."

American home life is in grave peril. No nation can long survive the ravages made upon the sacred institution of marriage and family life by divorce, infidelity, and worldliness. The home is both the focal point of attack by sin's agents and the chief bulwark of defense against every hurtful force. Sturdy homes are the pillars of national strength. Godly homes are the springs of noble character and strong manhood and womanhood. The peril confronting our homes and the breakdown in family life will steal from us our birthright as a great people. — Clifton J. Allen in *The Teacher*.

In America. The 48-page booklet, written by John L. Mixon and Seward Hiltner, and published jointly by the Council's Department of Pastoral Services and the Department of Christian Social Relations, will be useful to health and welfare leaders in the community, as well as to the clergy. A number of social workers, leaders in welfare programs and ministers of local churches were consulted in the preparation of the pamphlet, which is now available at 25c a copy from the Federal Council at 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.